

ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH 2006

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Alzheimer's disease is a progressive, degenerative disease of the brain causing memory loss and impaired thinking, judgment and behavior; and

WHEREAS, according to the Alzheimer's Association, Alzheimer's is the fifth leading cause of death for older adults and is the most common form of dementia; and

WHEREAS, according to the Alzheimer's Association, an estimated 4.5 million people in the United States have the disease, with an estimated 150,000 of those in North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, according to the Alzheimer's Association, it is predicted that 100,000 Americans will lose their lives to Alzheimer's this year, many of those being among our most brilliant and talented; and

WHEREAS, Alzheimer's disease is costing the United States \$100 billion per year in diagnosis, extended care, family caregiver illness, and lost wages according to the National Institute on Aging; and

WHEREAS, according to the Alzheimer's Association, researchers are predicting that up to 16 million Americans will have Alzheimer's by 2050 unless a cure or prevention is found; and

WHEREAS, neither Medicare nor most private health insurance covers the long term services and support most people with dementia need; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of the individuals, families, friends and caregivers dealing with the devastating effects of Alzheimer's disease, the researchers who are seeking a cause(s) and cure, and the educational programs and support services provided by the two Chapters of the Alzheimer's Association: Eastern North Carolina Chapter – Raleigh and Western Carolina Chapter – Charlotte;

NOW, THEREFORE, I MICHAEL F. EASLEY, Governor of the State of North Carolina,

do hereby proclaim November 2006, as

“ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH”

in North Carolina

and urge our citizens to help us ease the burden for individuals,
families and caregivers while we search for a cure.


MICHAEL F. EASLEY



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this second day of October in the year of our Lord two thousand six, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-first.